on 08.03.95. Preliminary arrangements for taking up the work are being made.

गुजरात में रेल उपरि पुल

2601. श्री विमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात में राजकोट, भावनगर, जामनगर और जूनागढ़ रेलवे स्टेशनों पर कितने उपरि पुल (फ्लाई-ओवर ब्रिजेज) हैं;

(ख) क्या यात्रियों की भीड़ और उनकी सुविधा को देखते हुए सरकार वहां कुछ और उपरि पुलों के निर्माण का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त कार्य कब से शुरू कर दिया जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ़): (क) से (ग) इस समय राजकोट रेलवे स्टेशन पर दो तथा जामनगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर एक ऊपरी पैदल पुल है तथा इन स्टेशनों पर इस समय सम्हाले जा रहे यातायात के स्तर के लिए उन्हें पर्याप्त समझा जाता है। भावनगर तथा जूनागढ़ रेलवे स्टेशनों पर कोई ऊपरी पैदल पुल नहीं है क्योंकि भावनगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर केवल एक प्लेट फार्म है तथा जूनागढ़ रेलवे स्टेशन के सभी प्लेट फार्मों पर रेलपथ को पार किए बिना जाया जा सकता है?

Modernisation of Rail Signal System

2602. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suburban signal system is experiencing frequent failures of one filament, which is connected to the signal from the rail;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to failure of one filament, the visibility of signal is considerably reduced, which has been causing delay in maintaining the scheduled speed; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to modernise the Signal system, by switching over from the existing system?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No filament of signal lamp is connected to the rails. Also such failures are not frequent.

(b) When one filament is fused visibility does reduce, but it does not have much effect on maintaining time schedule.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Salary grade for Announcers in Railways

2603. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the announcement system on the Railway stations has achieved its importance for passengers comforts;

(b) whether this service, especially at major junctions, has attained importance, in helping the passengers in locating their trains and corresponding platforms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have not established any salary grade for the post of Announcer; and

(d) if so, whether Railways would consider creating a special grade to attract qualitative Announcers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Public Address Systems provided at important and junction stations are useful for providing information to the passengers about running of trains etc.

(c) Posts of Announcers are filled in by drafting volunteers from the category of Commercial Clerks, Enquiry-cum-Reservation Clerks etc. working in the scale of pay of Rs. 950-1500, Rs. 975-1540 and Rs. 1200-2040.

(d) No such proposal is presently under consideration.